

## Election Returns of '90 and '92 Compared.

The election returns of Sumner county for 1890, as shown by the official canvass, is as follows:

People's Party vote.....	2,778
Democratic vote.....	1,090
Republican vote.....	2,430
Total.....	6,298

The vote of 1892, gathered from the same source:

Populist vote.....	4,057
Republican vote.....	2,241
Total.....	6,298

The latter shows an increased vote over 1890 of 1,282, being 20 per cent of a gain. This gain, if attributed to emigration or other legitimate causes of increase, would naturally flock about equally to the support of the three political parties. In that event the People's party will have been entitled to 555 of the increased vote, the Democrats 218 of the increased vote and the Republicans 486 of the increased vote. This vote added to the vote of 1890 would make this showing:

People's party.....	2,778
Increased vote.....	555
Total.....	3,333
Democratic vote.....	1,090
Increased vote.....	218
Total.....	1,308
Republican vote.....	2,430
Increased vote.....	486
Total.....	2,916

According to this reckoning, the People's party and Democratic votes combined would have been 4,441 instead of 4,057, this year.

The Republican vote would have been 2,916, instead of 2,430.

Now, with what party did the 1,282 vote on the 8th of November?

Let's see. The People's party cast in 1890, 2,778 votes, the Democrats 1,090, total 3,868. This combined vote taken from the combined vote of 1892, viz 4,057, proves that 189 of the increased number cast their ballots with the "Populists." The Republicans cast in 1890, 2,430, and in 1892, 2,241, which also proves 1,073 of the newcomers voted with the Republican party.

Query: If this wonderfully increased vote is a legal expression of Sumner county's increased population, how does it come that nine out of every ten voted the Republican ticket in the face of the fact that a reversal of this policy was nearly universal all over the United States?

The total vote cast last year (1891) in this county was 6,009. This year 7,500. An increased vote this year over last of 1,551, which is 25 per cent. of a gain. To say the least, this array of figures is a surprise when we reflect that even last year the campaign waxed warm and bitter. The charge that the People's party of this county cast more votes than they were entitled to by the Republican press certainly falls flat of its own weight, and is characteristic of the thief crying, "Stop, thief." It also gives the lie to the charge that the success of the People's party was depopulating the state. READ, REFLECT & CO.

Belle Plaine, Nov. 25.

## "STOP THIEF."

Our optimistic neighbor, the Monitor, is still trying to get comfort from the election returns. There is precious little there for it, but it continues to pursue the ignis fatuus of future Republican victory in Sumner county with apparent delight. It prints a table of townships giving Republican gains based on the increase and decrease of majorities, but never once emphasizes the fact that more Populist votes were cast in the county this fall than ever before, and that the only way under heavens the Republican party could get up to its old time voting capacity was by the aid of a magnificent corruption fund, used in conjunction with the corporations and railroads to swell the total vote of the county. The fact that the increase of vote was nearly all Republican is proof enough of that. That there is always more or less shifting from one party to another is true, and it is also true that for every Populist in the county who went back to his idol we can show a Republican who came out of idolatry. The increased vote all on one side tells the tale.

To cap the climax in infamy the Monitor turns around and charges the importation on the People's party! With a campaign fund raised by coins of less than a dollar each from the individuals, we are charged with importing voters as a set-off to a party that had the corporations and railroads of the whole United States behind it. Think of the absurdity! And to make the matter still more ridiculous the Monitor threatens to call down the law on the heads of some of the farmers hereafter and says "somebody will get to see the inside of the Lansing penitentiary." That may be, neighbor but they will not come from among the honest yeomanry of this county, but rather from the class on whose account the honored and incorruptible Judge Gresham left your party. Verily, has the story of the thief crying "stop thief" been fully exemplified. How do the honest people of Sumner county like to be derided in this manner by this cheeky agent of organized plutocracy? Is this the sort of "standing up for Kansas" that is wanted?

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## To the Monitor and Caldwell News:

You appear, from the papers you edit, to be ignorant of why the Prohibitionist should scratch his ticket, vote for a Populist candidate instead of a Republican. Being connected with the Republican party from its earliest infancy, I will endeavor to throw some light on your benighted visions.

The Republican party was a third party, organized against the further extension of slavery. The Whigs and Democrats claimed to stand by the Omnibus bill; slavery was endorsed by both. Hence, it was necessary to form a third party to destroy what they saw would disrupt the union. Men, patriotic men, christian men and women, in order to preserve the country, organized a grand party; it went forth for its heavenly mission, was scoffed, ridiculed, and persecuted by the opposers of right, justice and morality. There was never a party subject to corruption as it was; coming into power on the eve of an international war. Men, who cared not for patriotism, God or humanity, under the name of Republicans, coiled themselves among them for their own selfish motives, to enrich themselves at the expense of a bleeding nation. While our minds were absorbed on our friends, brothers and the preservation of the union, they threatened the existence of the government if they could not control the finances after the war was over. See Thad Stephens on the exception clause and the twelve Shylocks of New York, Philadelphia and Boston during the pending of that bill. The administration was compelled to accede to their demands. They have, by manipulation, retained that power.

Like the rattlesnake that forces itself into the home of the prairie dog after it has grown fat on the pups and swears he dug the hole, so do these human vipers, grown fat and arrogant, claim to be the Republican party. The devil has as good a right to claim to be one of the Trinity, as you have to claim Lincoln, Stephens and others to be exponents of the present Republican party.

The Wichita Eagle, after the passage of the McKinley bill said, "Lord preserve us, but what with the McKinley bill, transportation abuses, dealing in wind grain, interest burthens, dividends on watered stock and hypocritical prohibition, if the Republican party don't hear something drop next November, then twenty-seven years of editorial service has only fitted us for the insane asylum."

His vision was more than verified; not only in Kansas did it "drap" but the whole bottom fell out as soon as the boop of ignorance was lifted.

Intelligent Prohibitionists know equally well as the Eagle that the Republican party is hypocritical on prohibition and all other claims of morality and honesty. You claim morality, honesty and decency. I suppose the harlot John saw in his vision could claim to be a virgin with equal consistency. The masses of the party are honest, conscientious and sincere, deceived by dirty, lying papers, purposely misleading the honest element of the party. Your papers class noble, virtuous, christian women of the reform party as prostitutes, because they expose the corruption of your party, in order to elevate downtrodden humanity. You brand men, patriotic men, philanthropic men, who supported the union, as cranks, fanatics and socialists, because they defend the government as given us by our forefathers. They see we are drifting from the ancient landmarks; a government forced upon us as advocated by Hamilton, bitterly opposed by Jefferson and Madison. By the verdict of the ballot, the name Republican has become a stench in the nostrils of honest intelligence. The party passed away with the immortal Lincoln, Stephens and others of its great founders, who knew the strength of a republic rested in the intelligent, virtuous middle class.

"Kings and princes may flourish or may fade; A breath can make them, as a breath has made;

A bold peasantry, her country's pride; When once destroyed, can never be supplied."

Your party is driving society into two extremes, the arrogant rich and the ignorant poor. You keep up sectional strife; you set neighbor against neighbor; you cause members of your own party to lose money on elections. These are derogatory to a stable government. Your present party belongs to a class which has always opposed reformation. When He who was spoken of in prophecy came and taught a higher life, He was betrayed and hung on the crucifix by the same class who oppose present reformation.

The human mind knows no rest: it must either advance or recede. If it were not for these advanced ideas, those opposing this great reformation would, in a few generations, be superseding by their tails in a tropical clime gathering cocoanuts, as their ancestors of old.

The noble men, christian men and women engaged in this grand work of reformation, needs not the sculptors hand to carve their monuments, no marble column to mark their resting place; their honor, their persecution, the cause in uplifting downtrodden humanity, will make them immortal. When the sun ceases to shine, the moon hides her face in darkness and time is no more, eternity will hurl their names over the battlements of heaven: the angels and archangels, cherubims and seraphims, will take up their harps and sing their praises around the throne of the Lamb.

If you will receive this in the spirit in which it was written, you may learn why you were opposed by all the political parties. You are considered a common enemy of the human family. I have been extremely mild in expressing the views of those who throw off the name of Republican. Like Paul when going down to Damascus, the scales have dropped from our eyes. Let down the bars of right and let justice come in; throw open the doors of reason and let wisdom come in; swing wide the gates of mercy and let charity come in.

Hoping this will give you some faint idea of how you are considered by ex-Republicans, I remain as ever,

Yours truly,

J. M. CORBIN.

The Monitor seems to have gotten over its period of "calamity dumps" and draws some consolation out of the result. It says it was "time a break was made in its long political supremacy for the Republican party's own good." It adds that "there will be as many strikes, lock-outs and labor troubles under Democratic administration as under Republican rule, trusts will be formed, railroad stocks watered, the Goulds and Vanderbilts will continue to heap up colossal fortunes under Democratic tariff-revenue, the same as under the McKinley bill." Why, of course! But maybe by the time we have had four years more of Democracy the people will have discovered that there is something deeper than the tariff that is affecting the nation. How are the Democrats going to reduce the tariff when the treasury is already bankrupt, unless they inaugurate an income tax and thereby take a step toward changing the system? But hear the statesman further: "The country was bound not to be satisfied, discontent grew more rife with each successive legislative concession." Concession is good. Who gave you or your party anything to concede? Why are not the people the rulers yet and their officials their servants? Talk about a hired man "conceding" anything to his employer! You benighted son of plutocracy, have you forgotten the initiative principle of this government—a government of the people, by the people and for the people? "It is a wretched and thankless job to attempt to make laws in the present restless and discontented mood of the popular mind." Well, we are glad you are rid of that job and since you have shown an utter incompetency to keep pace with the progress of intelligence and the logic of changing conditions, we leave you to sit on the fence and cry "anarchy," "socialism," etc., while the rank and file of your party walk out and leave you with the shell, just as the Republican party served the old Whig party before the war. Goodbye, old "mossbacks." When you find your constituency all gone, you will come following in. Your party will never make another national contest.

## The Basket is Ready.

Wichita Commover:

The Populists of Sumner county have the basket ready for the official head of Judge Ray. He removed the court stenographer, Charles Welch, of this city, because Charles had the manhood to vote the Populist ticket. Charles will secure another position much sooner than Judge Ray.

The Monitor-Press will stick to its motto and continue to "Stand up for Kansas." Possibly The Voice may not like it, but we fail to see wherein its likes or dislikes have anything to do with the case.—Monitor.

Well, suppose you tell us some more about the "continued crop failures" having brought the farmers to desperation. And then favor us with a line on "Republican harvests." Yes, stand up, you hypocrite!

## Continue to Stand up for Principle.

EDITOR VOICE: You have met the money power and have the victory. Hurrah for the farmers of Kansas. God knows they have cause. As their farms are going through foreclosure, the Republicans say, stand up for the honor of Kansas. What do they claim as its honor? You have been almost ruined by debts, through debasement of your money exchange. They have delegated the right of issue to incorporated companies, with power to expand and contract and to issue their individual credits in place of money, for which they charge you interest; when collected it becomes capital, which is the mortgage demand on your farm, to sustain which they shout for the honest dollar. They call the credit dollar an honest dollar. Any measure replacing credits with money they dub as dishonest, as in the free coinage of silver. The issue of national money directly to the people and loaning the same at two per cent. they claim is dishonest. But when they demonetize silver, thus depriving the people of the money of their daddies, making money scarce and dear, taking more of labor's products to cancel its debts, then they cry, stand up for the honor of Kansas. I would think the angels in heaven would blush for them. Now I say to you, the producers of Kansas, continue to stand up for the nation as you did in the last election, make it possible for us to be free men, through owning our homes and controlling the industries of our common country, that we may be sure of an income for ourselves and families. That the conditions forcing prostitution upon our daughters as portrayed in a speech by Senator Ingalls and quoted by Congressman Simpson, may be of the past, as that condition is now general. A case came to my notice a short time ago in this city. A young lady applied for a position in one of our leading stores. The wages were \$2 per week. She says, "I cannot live on that." He answers, "I should think as nice looking girl as you would have a gentleman that would partly support you." And this in a city of churches, is but one case in thousands. And yet they shout honor!

I say, stand up for your homes through reclaiming the country with honest money. The money of the nation issued to the people at the present as set forth in the Omaha platform, at a tax of 2 per cent., would transfer the present system from the monopolies, at a high rate of interest, to the people collectively at a low rate, which would be paid into the public treasury, not as interest, but revenue, taking the place of present taxes. It would not be repudiation, as debts would be paid through government money, which would take the place of present credit capital, placing us as a people on a sound basis. What would become of the millionaires? If mortgages were transferred to the government in trust, for the people, the money they would receive would be redeemed in our products. Could we ever redeem such money? Yes, we pay for the property of this country once in ten or twelve years, which we keep doing over and over. Under the people's system, when once paid it is the end of debt. What would the millionaires do with their money? Exchanged for our products to consume or export, it would make us prosperous in increased industries. What would the result be? When we had redeemed all money paid out in the transfer of mortgages, bonds, stocks, etc., then we would be absolutely free and owners of this country. How would we bear the expenses of government? The same as we paid our indebtedness, by paying out and receiving government money for all services in improvement as presented in our platform; then labor receives representation in exchange, which is a decree issued to ourselves collectively and singly. What would the poor do who now depend on their interest account for a part of their living? The tax on the necessities of life are greater under the interest system than the portion they receive as interest. The big monopolies absorb the properties of the small interest holders, which comprise their profits through great failures. The abolishment of interest would give all access to the natural opportunities and would make each family and individual so prosperous in the increase of property which now goes to create the millionaire, that poor houses would be of the past.

GALEN P. ATHERTON.

Worcester, Mass.

Ripens Tabules: for torpid liver.

Oh, yes! The People's party imported the voters. But you can't make the people believe that silly twaddle.

The Populists have the balance of power in the California legislature and will name the next senator from that state.

It is said that Col. Harris, the Populist congressman-at-large from Kansas received every vote in his own township—G. A. R.'s and all.—Kansas City Star.

The Daily Populist will be published at Topeka during the coming legislative session. Notice the prospectus elsewhere. It will be a good paper for Populists to take.

The Denver Daily News gives the following wholesome advice: "Kansas farmers should follow the example of Colorado farmers and miners and boycott the goldbug papers."

One astronomer now comes to the front and says the heavens are full of comets. If this thing keeps going we shall conclude pretty soon that the whole affair originated from the hallucinative brain of some Republican.

There are thirty-five hundred stalwart, true-blue Republicans in Sumner county now in line for the campaign of 1893.—Monitor.

On no! A good many of them have already got themselves hence. Half the colored population of Wellington fail to answer to roll call.

The presidential campaign just ended created less disturbance than any in the last thirty years.—Monitor. The people are learning that it makes precious little difference to the masses whether the Republican or Democratic party are in power. The enthroning or dethroning of either of them is no scare-crow any more.

The Republicans appear to have the inside track in one respect, at least. If the country prospers during the next four years they will prosper with it, and if not, the Democrats will get everlastingly knocked out at the end of Cleveland's term.—Monitor.

So it is you that wants "hot winds" now is it? And you still imagine that people think with their stomachs. That idea rises no higher than association with a hog. However, we have some human hogs, as an evidence of which the Republican party still has some apologists.

Through the kindness of Dr. Walling we had the privilege yesterday of perusing Congressman Tom Watson's paper, "The People's Party Paper" of Atlanta, Ga. It is full of rich and racy reading. How it would do the heart of the average Kansas Democrat good, to read how Tom talks about Democracy. Down in Georgia they are "rascals" but up here in Kansas "cousins." Down there they pull hair in regular old-fashioned style; up here they eat ice cream and peaches together like young lovers. Down in Georgia they fight with bramble bushes and forked fire; up here it is all soft soap blandishment and arm-in-arm promenade. Down in Georgia a Democrat is a sinner, in Kansas he is a saint. What a strange conglomeration it would make to see a Georgia Populist reading Tom Watson's People's Party paper and Judge Naugle's People's Voice. It would make a dose for him equal to a mixture of gall and molasses. We can see a picture of one of Tom's patrons now, as he smiles all over while reading the Georgia production, and now groaning in spirit as he swears in regulation style at Kansas.—Caldwell News.

The relationship is somewhat changed in the south, neighbor. The Republicans claim to be our "cousins" down there. You'll like it when you get used to it.

There was some talk of building a brick hotel on the old Phillips house site, as the town is certainly needing better hotel accommodations. The plan has been given up mainly for the reason that every dollar of the investment would have to be home capital, it being impossible now to borrow money on city real estate in any town in Kansas no matter how gilt-edged the security. City loans have not proven very substantial securities in the past few years, and the danger of further Alliance legislation has absolutely closed the pocket-books of eastern capitalists to this class of investments.—Monitor.

Destroy the gold monopoly, relegate barbaric superstition to the rear and issue a sufficient volume of money to do the business of the country on a cash basis, and we will not have to go east to hunt up a shynock to go "halvers" with us on a thing of this kind. It is this sort of business that has enabled Massachusetts to gain to ten millions more wealth in ten years than nine of the great producing states of the west and south. Continue to knuckle to this power and a few years more we will have to go east for all the capital for every enterprise. We must mee! and throttle this enemy now or never

The public will observe that Judge James A. Ray makes no denial of the fact that he discharged Court Stenographer Welch because he voted the Populist ticket. Bear this in mind friends. At the proper time it will be called up again.

Three or four extra gangs near Atteca, a steel gang near Anthony, and one or two other gangs have been reported as taken off the road already. Similar reports come from other districts. Such was the disgraceful work of the Santa Fe, and yet Chester whines about the floating vote in Harper, Barber and Sumner. Had it not been for the vote imported, Chester would never have suspected that he was in the race. It is time now to stand up for the people and their moral stamina.—Medicine Lodge Index.

We have received a copy of the People's Voice, published at Wellington, Kansas, and edited by O. M. Howard, the sorrel-topped sage who established the Saturday Mail at Colorado Springs. Mr. Howard is one of the best editorial writers in this country, and of course he is jubilant over the success of the People's Party.—News, Castle Rock, Colo.

In Mr. Howard's absence we take the liberty to endorse the above. When he gets back from moving his family from the west our readers will have an opportunity to enjoy his versatility. The editor of the Voice took lessons under Howard when he was scarcely big enough to "chain a case."

That man Powderly is a thorn in the flesh to Jay Gould's Associated Press reporters. Before the Knights of Labor General Assembly which met at St. Louis Nov. 15, it was said that a very warm opposition to him was developing, which promised to depose him as General Master Workman. When the test came here is the way they were forced to record it:

"At 1 o'clock a motion to proceed to elect officers for the ensuing year prevailed. Mr. Powderly was at once placed in nomination for the office of general master workman. He at once rose to his feet and addressed those present saying he did not desire a reelection and begged them to select some one else. In order to leave the delegates free to speak their minds he left the hall while the vote was being taken. A number of delegates spoke, the almost unanimous sentiment being that the order at large demanded and the cause of labor required his reelection. A secret ballot was taken and Mr. Powderly chosen by a vote of 102 to 6 scattering."

In 1890, there were cast in the seventh Kansas district, 57,784 votes of which Simpson received 32,603, and Halliwell received 25,181. In 1892 the same district cast 66,909 votes, of which Simpson got 33,813, Long 32,333, and Woodward, the Prohibition candidate got 703. In Barber county the home of both Simpson and Long, the vote stood in 1890, Simpson 1156, Halliwell 820, Simpson's majority 336. In 1892, Simpson 1337, Long 967, Simpson's majority 370, which proves conclusively that Simpson was popular at home two years ago, and that he is still more popular there than is his neighbor, Chester I.

It will be seen from these figures that this district has gained 9125 voters in two years, which according to a low estimate on population, would make an increase of population in the district of 30,500, in the two years that the republicans claim that Simpson and Peffer were ruining Kansas by keeping people away and making everybody ashamed of the state

## Taxes are Due.

The County Treasurer's office is becoming quite lively, and Mr. Spencer and his clerks are kept very busy.

All taxes are due November 1st. Until December 21st a rebate of 5 per cent on the last half is allowed if full tax is paid.

If the half be paid prior to December 21st the last half can be paid any time prior to June 21, 1893, without cost.

A penalty of 5 per cent is added by the county on December 21st on all tax not half paid.

A second penalty of 5 per cent is added March 21st, and on the 21st of June a penalty of 5 per cent is added to all unpaid tax.

The sheriff will collect personal tax after January 10th, if half is not paid, and after July 10th if all is not paid.

## Marriage Licenses.

The following licenses to marry have been issued by Probate Judge Chapman since our last report:

	Age
H. E. Thompson, Great Bend,	28
Allie McLaughlin, City,	20
U. S. Gilmore, Caldwell,	25
A. E. Van Buskirk,	26
H. A. Wynn, Perth,	21
Harriet E. Fair,	20
J. A. Burns, Corbin,	24
Rosa Jordan, Arkansas City,	17
A. C. Seely, Trenton, Mo.,	22
Ida M. Hedrick, Conway Springs,	21

Mr. O. M. Howard came to the city yesterday from Wellington, Kan., on a visit to his family. He has so far learned nothing of his lost boy, Richard Howard, and has almost begun to despair of again seeing him. Mayor Rogers, of Denver, and other gentlemen of that place are interesting themselves in the matter. It is probable a reward will be offered.—Colorado Springs Gazette.

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